

REV. THOMAS F. SHANNON, the present pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Norristown, Pennsylvania, is a son of Thomas and Harriet (Coghlan) Shannon, and was born in County Clare, Ireland, March 27, 1844. When he was three years of age his father died, and five years later the family came to Philadelphia. There Thomas F. Shannon attended the city and Parochial schools for some time and later entered St. Charles college, Ellicott City, Maryland, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he entered St. Charles seminary at Glen Riddle, in Delaware county, this State, and in September, 1868, was admitted to St. Charles Theological seminary, at Eighteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia. Here he pursued his philosophical and theological studies, finishing the prescribed course at the new Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, located at Overbrook, this county. On October 18, 1872, he was ordained to the